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Inventors:

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SYSTEM AND METHOD

FOR STABILIZING THE

HUMAN SPINE WITH A

**BONE PLATE** 

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Art Unit:

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 17, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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